

POKER! WITH A DASH OF GINGER.

Jamaica ginger is excellent for stomach troubles, but it is not good as a stimulant. I know because I have seen its operation.

You must not tell liquor to the Indians, consequently the red man craves about for a substitute. A result of this is that the quantity of Jamaica ginger and lemon essence sold by the Indian traders is enormous. One would think that the red man had nothing but stomach ache, had that the red woman made pastry and confections, all the time, but the truth of the matter is that both these preparations contain alcohol, and the Indian—or, to be precise, the Sioux, for he is the only Indian I can detect off a few bottles of either or both, and feels uplifted. At least, he feels uplifted for awhile, and then he is horribly ill.

It takes a sturdy constitution to stand the wear and tear of ginger as a beverage.

I came by my dislike for ginger drinking under a table, grasping a six-foot Uncaspa Sioux by the legs.

The way it happened was this: Young Jack and I took the weekly supply of butter from the ranch to the post, settled the business, then wandered around killing time.

We met an old friend, who suggested a game of freeze-out. He had a friend, so the four of us turned into a log cabin, spread a horse blanket on the table, counted out twenty-five matches apiece, paid in our twenty-five cents to the bank, and began a quiet game.

We were having the nicest kind of a time, when the Evil One came to the doorway and peeped in. We did not recognize him as such at the time. The casual glance showed only a big Indian, haggard as to face and a trifle wild about the eyes, but otherwise merely an Indian.

If he had the necessary money, the west is a republic.

"How much?"

"Cash—poppy—no poppy—sema—kees" (two dimes and a half).

He fished out a quarter from his pants and threw it on the table. Jack got up and let him pass to the corner seat—fortunate circumstance! The table thus formed a barricade, shutting him into the corner of the cabin.

As our new friend dropped heavily upon his cracker box his breath filled the air with Oriental spiciness. In a minute the table reeked with ginger.

Still, he played his cards handsomely enough, holding up one or more fingers to indicate the extent of his draw.

At last he and I fell foul each other in a pot. He bet five chips—I saw and raised him five. He came back at me with ten. I thought the matter over and called. He laid down his hand and raked in the matches.

I looked at the cards carefully. There was nothing but a pair of aces! So I dropped my three kings on the blanket and reached for the matches. In an instant he had a knife in his hand. I ducked back—it swished by within an inch of my face.

Then, with a promptitude for which I cannot sufficient admire myself, I executed a flank movement. Under the table I flew and wrapped my arms around his long legs—wrapped 'em tight—shut my eyes and waited.

It was with me as with a stoker on a battleship. All about me the war raged and roared. There were bumps, whacks and shrieks, yells and curses; my legs were painfully trodden upon, but I did it. In the darkness and gloom under the table I hung on to that Indian's legs.

The table fell over and we rolled on the floor. Young Jack, the Indian and I—while the other two with pieces of board dealt an excited impartial hammering upon us.

We foundered out of the door, however. That Indian was as strong as a yoke of bulls. A boiling storm center around which, cyclone winds, revolved our friends, with flashing boards for lightning.

Fortunately, the Indian had lost his knife early in the hostilities, and had to rely upon nature's weapons.

Still I clung to his legs. It had become a habit by this time. I doubt that I could have let go had I willed it. I

ver. . . . That is the ideal of charity now happily current. It is not the old money, always calculated to deprive the recipient of his manliness, to stimulate idleness and mendacity. "Put the unfortunate in the way of a livelihood." Is the working maxim of up-to-date charity. . . . Here is a fine example of this style. . . . Jesus grows under his feet. His narrative is alert and rapid—his characteristic word "straightaway." Seven verses suffice to tell this story. . . . To the thirty-three parables, the thirty-three miracles of Jesus may well be added: for the latter are, in fact, parables, too—deeds packed with an inexhaustible symbolism. . . . Roman plays noble tribute to the splendid courage of Jesus as he faced toward Jerusalem. "Imagine an innovator of our day going to preach the overthrow of Islamism about the borders of Outer Hesse, the policy at the center of Jewish life, the policy at which he must conquer or die. Upon this Calvary, where Jesus suffered more than at Golgotha, his day rolled by in dispute and in acrimony."—Renaan.



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A Building With 5,000 Occupants. A recently printed paragraph announced that the daily population of the Equitable building in New York is 5,000, and that the mail averages about 18,000 pieces a day. This record is outstripped by several buildings in Chicago, notably the Monachnock block, which at present has a daily population of 4,000. . . .

Pessimistic Russian. The deeply pessimistic tone of Russian's later years is shown in this letter, written to William Morris in 1889, which was recently offered for sale in Edinburgh. "Please recollect—or hereafter know—by these presents—that I am old, ill, and liable any day to be struck crazy if I get into a passion. . . . I choose—on rational grounds—no to do anything I care about. Nor do I care to say—on this matter more than I have said, nor to do more than I have done. . . . I know that the modern mob will trample upon me, and that I shall be a young man must find a new dynasty, the old things are passed away."

Pensions Granted. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Pensions have been granted to West Virginia applicants as follows: Original—Boyd G. McCarty, Center Point, \$5; Patrick O'Connor, Piedmont, \$5; John A. Carson, Baldwin, \$5. . . .

"Joe Joe," by Ella B. Davis, is a collection of short stories and poems, written for the children, and designed especially for the holiday season. The matter is fresh and bright, and the style is charming and calculated to please and interest the little folks. All the chief characters are children, all talk and act like "really true" young people. . . .

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MONEY AND STOCK MARKETS. SOME LARGE BORROWING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Close: Money on call firm at 4 1/2 per cent; last loan 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4 1/2 per cent for demand and at 4 1/2 per cent for 60 days; posted rates 4 1/2 per cent and 4 1/2 per cent. Commercial bills 4 1/2 per cent. Silver certificates 4 1/2 per cent. Bar silver 4 1/2 per cent. Mexican dollars 50 per cent. Government bonds weak. State bonds strong. Railroad bonds irregular.

The prospect of a decline in cash resources of the bank of upwards of \$7,000,000, proved too much for the fortitude of speculators to-day and they sold stocks reversing the movement of yesterday. They had the advantage of new points of strength in a number of individual stocks among the low priced stocks, a demoralized tone in one or two of the industrials more than offset this advantage. The sub-treasury alone has taken up from the banks during the week \$6,000,000, including the deposits at the sub-treasury for telegraphic transfer to the interior. The direct movement by express, although supposed to be small on balance, is certainly in favor of the interior. There is a suspicion also that the local movements of cash which have helped out the showing of the banks for the last few weeks is not to be relied on this week. These gains have been due to a large extent to the operations of a single bank, in which is centered some of the most important interests in the financial world, including copper mining stocks. The course of Amalgamated Copper during the week has given rise to the apprehension that interests identified with it need not be expected to have taken measures to conserve the general money market situation. The loan item also is the subject of much perplexed surmise. While there has been some speculative liquidation in the stock market, there has been some large borrowing for outside financial operations, including subscriptions to a \$10,000,000 issue to Third Avenue railroad bonds which also closed to-day with the announcement that it had been largely over-subscribed. If there has been any considerable loan expansion double effect on the surplus reserves may prove somewhat sensational, especially with the most trying period of the year on the money market to be immediately faced. Liquidation was not urgent in the stock market, but was quite general. Even the Erie securities yielded temporarily on the denial of a story attempting to explain their movement by alleging that the company had purchased the Pennsylvania Coal Company. Both the stocks and bonds, however, rallied subsequently to top prices. Besides this, strength was shown by the St. Louis & San Francisco stocks, led by the second preferred with an advance of 3/4 per cent and the New York, Chicago & St. Louis, led by the second preferred, with an advance of 1/4 per cent. On the other hand there was continued weakness in Tennessee Coal on persistent rumors that the dividend would be passed. The stock fell at one time 1/2 per cent after fluctuating feverishly closed within 1/4 per cent of the lowest. Coincident with the meeting of the directors of the United States Rubber Company the common stock broke 4 per cent and the preferred stock 5/8 per cent without meeting any effective support. It was reported after the meeting with equal authority that the company had reduced the price of its goods 25 per cent and doubts were expressed of the maintenance of the dividends on the preferred. Pacific Mail broke nearly 1 per cent on the large decrease in earnings reported for October. The unsuccessful result of the meeting of western railroad presidents to enforce the observance of freight rates helped to depress the railroad list. There was weakness in People's Gas, Tobacco and the local tractions. The closing was moderately active and easy and many stocks were at the low point.

Business in bonds continued large. There was large profit taking in some of the speculative issues, but there was a notable increase in the demand for high grade bonds. Total sales par value \$1,355,000.

United States 3s and 5s declined 1/4 per cent on the last call.

New York Exchange Quotations.

U. S. Bonds.		Express Companies.	
U. S. ref. 3s coupon 104 1/2	U. S. new 4s coupon 107 1/2	Adams 10	United States 50
U. S. 3s coupon 104 1/2	U. S. old 4s coupon 114 1/2	American 10	Wells Fargo 33
U. S. 3s coupon 104 1/2	U. S. 5s coupon 112 1/2	Miscellaneous.	
U. S. new 4s coupon 107 1/2	U. S. 5s coupon 112 1/2	Amal. Copper 54 1/2	Nat. Biscuit 77 1/2
Stocks.		Am. Cotton 49 1/2	Nat. Lead 82 1/2
Aitchison 23 1/2	Mio. Pacific 69 1/2	Am. Mail 49 1/2	Nat. Zinc 82 1/2
do preferred 23 1/2	Mobile & Oha. 49 1/2	Am. Steel 49 1/2	National Tube 39 1/2
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Am. Pacific 23 1/2	N. J. Central 49 1/2	Am. Sugar 49 1/2	Nat. Tin 39 1/2
Am. R. & P. 23 1/2	Norfolk & W. 49 1/2	Am. Tobacco 49 1/2	Nat. Petroleum 39 1/2
Ches. & Oha. 23 1/2	do preferred 49 1/2	Am. Tea 49 1/2	Nat. Rubber 39 1/2
Chicago G. W. 23 1/2	Ont. & Western 49 1/2	Am. Tin Plate 49 1/2	Nat. Glass 39 1/2
Col. & Ind. & N. 23 1/2	Ore. Ry. & N. 49 1/2	Am. Tobacco 49 1/2	Nat. Soap 39 1/2
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